The Higher Learning Commission Action Project Directory

Kaskaskia College

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1: PROJECT SUMMARY

A: The goal of the Improving Student Social Spaces Action Project is to make Kaskaskia College students feel more connected to the physical environment at Kaskaskia College. By improving the look and feel of student social spaces, the College aims to improve student satisfaction, engagement and success.

2: PROJECT RATIONALE

A: Kaskaskia College is nearing the end of several major capital projects. The projects have succeeded in large scale improvement in the student environment at Kaskaskia College. This large scale improvement, however, must be complemented by ensuring that students have ample spaces that are comfortable and welcoming so that they will better engage the campus and each other. Thus, the College believes that this project attends to the details that remain to make the Kaskaskia College campus a vibrant center of student lives and activities.

3: PROJECT GOALS AND DELIVERABLES

A: The project will kick off as students return to campus this fall so that we can begin collecting data from students on their interests and ideas for student social spaces. Renovations to targeted spaces will begin shortly thereafter with some spaces seeing significant improvements for January 2015. During the summer of 2015 utilization and student satisfaction of the newly renovated spaces will be evaluated. That evaluation will be used to improve renovations on a second round of targeted spaces. These spaces will be renovated for the fall 2015 semester and utilized for the 2015-2016 academic year. A final evaluation of the success of the project will be conducted in June 2016. Thus, the time frame of the project is necessary to ensure adequate research at the outset, adequate time for implementation of improvements throughout the project, and a final evaluation after the spaces have had adequate time to be used by students.

4: INSTITUTIONAL INVOLVEMENT

A: Student Life  
Facilities  
Recruitment  
Retention  
Athletics

5: PROJECT CONTROL

A: Several means will be used to monitor progress. The Action Project Team will conduct periodic focus groups with students to evaluate our progress. In addition, questions will be added to the annual student satisfaction survey regarding the outcomes of the project. Finally, as part of the planning phase, a detailed timeline for the project will be developed and regular team meetings will monitor progress relative to this timeline.
A 10% increase in utilization of targeted student social spaces
A 10% increase in satisfaction with targeted student social spaces
A 3% increase in overall student satisfaction with campus amenities

6: **ANTICIPATED CHALLENGES TO PROJECT SUCCESS**

A: The College's President will retire in June 2015. We don't anticipate this impacting the project or goals but it could present a challenge.

7: **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A: Nothing at this time